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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EUR EVENTS APRIL 20

FOR HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. APPOINTMENTS. STANLEY KARNOW OF NEWSWEEK CALLED ME AND SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT HE WAS DOING A PIECE ON DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL (OUT IN PARIS MONDAY MORNING) WHICH, HE MENTIONED CASUALLY, WOULD INCLUDE THE PARIS APPOINTMENT. HE WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS SOURCE.

2. PORTUGAL. THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE MODIFIED PROGRAM AND HAS INDICATED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO APPROVE THE FULL \$300 MILLION FOR FY 78. POSTS IN ALL POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES HAVE NOW BEEN
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INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION AT MID-MAY MEETING IN PARIS ON LOAN PROGRAM. SOLOMON HAS SUGGESTED, AND WE HAVE AGREED, THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE LOANS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A DRAFT BILL AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO OMB WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

3. CZECH CLAIMS/GOLD. CONGRESSMAN VANIK HAS WRITTEN TO

THE SECRETARY REBUTTING SENATOR LONG'S SUGGESTION THAT

THE TRIPARTITE GOLD BE SEIZED TO PAY OFF US CLAIMS AGAINST
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE RESPONSE WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE
SECRETARY STATES THAT VANIK'S VIEWS WILL RECEIVE THE
MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE SECRETARY OR
ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET
WITH VANIK TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. AS YOU KNOW, BOB PUGH
IS TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING FOR YOU WITH VANIK. EE
BELIEVES THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO COVER CZECHOSLOVAK CLAIMS
WITH HIM THEN. VANIK'S SCHEDULE WAS FULL FOR TUESDAY
MORNING AND BOB IS NOW TRYING TO GET TIMES WITH HIM AND
WITH BIDEN FOR THAT AFTERNOON.
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